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## 'A NATION-BUILDING PROJECT'

Premier Alison Redford threw her support behind a proposed \$12-billion pipeline plan announced Thursday that would move oil products from Alberta to refineries in Eastern Canada, calling the venture "truly a nation-building project." Story, page 18. AARON LYNETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Finding student housing 'near impossible'

**Post-flood demand.**  
Rental vacancy falling to '08 boom levels



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It took Nikki Osbak months to find a place to live.

The 27-year-old Mount Royal University student knew she wanted to live close to campus, but found few options after searching online ads. Finally, she "lucked out" just this week, signing on to move into a rental home with two other students for \$600 a month.

"It was really hard," she said. "I looked at the same time last year — this time it was worse."

Student representatives and Calgary rental-market

watchers alike are warning Osbak's ordeal will be a common tale for thousands returning for fall semester.

City rental vacancy sat at just 1.2 per cent in April and the University of Calgary Students' Union believes it will plummet to zero in the weeks ahead, as many residents whose homes were ravaged in June's flooding have needed to find temporary or new accommodations.

"It's going to be near impossible for students to find housing," said Conner Brown, vice-president external.

Typically, applications for student residence are accepted in the preceding winter semester, Brown said, adding that U of C's on-campus housing for first- and second-year students has been consistently over-capacity in recent years.

Those forced to look off-

campus had better "start shopping now," says Gerry Baxter, executive director of the Calgary Residential Rental Association, who compared current rental vacancy to that seen during the height of Calgary's boom between 2006 and 2008.

"There is still some turnover," he said. "But where typically we say that will occur over the first 15 days of the month, now it's likely you have five days to find something."

Ald. Druh Farrell, who put forward a proposal at council this week to have the city explore new housing options, worries some learners will steer clear of Calgary altogether.

"Will students be staying in homeless shelters?" she said Tuesday. "Or will they simply avoid coming to the University of Calgary and other universities and colleges because housing is so difficult in Calgary?"

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## Laser aimed at chopper. Calgary man charged

Police arrested a 19-year-old man Thursday and charged him with numerous offences after he allegedly pointed a high-powered laser into the cockpit of a police helicopter and struck one of the officers inside in the eye.

"At this point the only symptoms he's showing are spotty blindness in his eye and a minor headache," Insp. Blair White said of the tactical flight officer who was hit by the beam.

The incident happened about 1:48 a.m. as the HAWC-2 police aircraft was heading to a call in the Dalhousie area, White said.

When the pilot of the helicopter noticed the green beam, she donned protective eyewear and took evasive action, he added.

The pair in the air directed police on the ground to an area near a high school, where they found and questioned three men, then arrested one.

Michael Sanche, 19, faces three criminal charges: assault causing bodily harm, mischief causing danger to life and common nuisance endangering life.

Sanche was also charged with projection of a directed, bright-light source at an aircraft under the Canadian Aviation Regulations Aerona-utic Act.

White said the device used was a class 3B laser, the second-most powerful available commercially.

An exposure of even a fraction of a second to a class 3B laser "may cause permanent eye damage and burns," according to Health Canada.

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This photo taken in late June shows some of the damage caused by flooding to Highway 40 in Kananaskis Country. HANDOUT/KANANASKIS COUNTRY PUBLIC SAFETY

# Campers gear up as sites reopen

**K-Country.** Majority of summer trails, campgrounds ready for long weekend

Sleeping bags, marshmallows and cases of cheap beer are being stowed as campers appear eager to return to Alberta's wilderness playgrounds, many of which were ravaged by June's historic flooding.

"It's kind of like a rite of passage," said Michael Cook, who has made a point the past three August long weekends of heading out with friends to stay at Boulton Creek in Peter Lougheed Provincial Park.

"We were a little bit worried when we heard about the flooding, when we heard about what it did around the Can-

more area," he added. "A little bit of the area is washed out, but other than that it's going to be pretty much the same."

The Alberta government announced Thursday that 80 per cent of summer trails and more than 70 per cent of campgrounds in Kananaskis Country are now open. In the backcountry, however, challenges remain with getting in proper equipment to replace bridges, trails and the like, according to district conservation officer Glenn Naylor.

Because of that, just two backcountry areas, Jewel Bay and Point, are open.

Nevertheless, Naylor said compared to initial projections, the province is "months ahead" repairs. He suspects many campers will be surprised to see the flood aftermath along their favourite trails.

"It's definitely eye-opening," he said. "The landscape has definitely changed ... you will see a creek that is four or five times as wide, or piles of trees that have twisted and knocked over. The damage is everywhere."

Cook, meanwhile, has kept a close watch online of work being done to restore Highway 40 and believes the road is open right to the turnoff he will use to access his campground of choice.

"If not, we'll probably have to take a detour of an hour or two to go around and come in," he said.

Anyone heading into the Kananaskis is still urged to exercise extreme caution, as many trails have been altered or eroded by rushing waters, Naylor said.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

### More info

For more information, visit [Albertaparks.ca](http://Albertaparks.ca).

- Some campgrounds in the High River and Black Diamond areas remain closed after June's flooding.
- Alberta Transportation is opening a temporary bridge over the Elbow River on Highway 66 west of Bragg Creek on Friday.
- As well, Highway 541 from west of Eden Valley to Highwood Junction will reopen Friday afternoon for the first time since the flood.

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# Ruff! Sue Higgins Park opens to the delight of Fido

**After the flood.** Popular southeast park perfect place to spend a dog-day afternoon as restoration work is set to continue until the freeze comes

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City officials reopened part of Sue Higgins Park Thursday and pledged to continue repairing the popular outdoor recreation area until it looks "exactly the same" as it did before the late-June flood.

"We'll be down here all year, that's for sure, until the freeze-up," said Justin Brown, the city superintendent in charge of the restoration. "When Mother Nature shuts us down, that's when we'll stop working."

The southeast park is a popular off-leash area and while 30 to 40 per cent of it is currently open, Brown said the biggest challenge so far

has been securing enough fencing.

"One of the big attractions about this park is that it's fenced so the dogs can run at large," said Brown. "The other challenge we're having is getting construction fencing — construction fencing in the city is so limited right now."

He added that about 90 per cent of the fencing was damaged, 70 per cent of it completely beyond repair.

Brown said there are currently about 25 to 30 contract workers on-site each day working on the restoration of the park and "a tremendous amount" of man hours have been put into what has been completed to date.

"What's open right now is the south part of Sue Higgins (Park) and access to the river on the south end," said Brown. "The entire park was actually under water during high-water mark, except for a small section in the north part of the park, right along Deerfoot."

A cost estimate of the repairs was not immediately available.



A dog returns from a swim in the river at Sue Higgins Park, a popular off-leash dog park in southeast Calgary, on Thursday afternoon. About 30 per cent of the park is currently open, with the aim of having the rest restored by the end of the year. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

## Floods, tight rental market have more looking to buy



Jessica Thompson and her son Nathan check out the kitchen of their home in Skyview Ranch, purchased through Attainable Homes Calgary. METRO FILE

With more than 100 new units announced in the past week, Attainable Homes Calgary is aiming to offer an alternative to people looking for a place to live in the city's tight, post-flood rental market.

"We're helping to relieve the pressure in the rental market for those people that want to make the choice," Attainable Homes CEO David Watson said Thursday.

A growing number of people have been contacting the non-profit organization since the late-June flood, Watson said, looking at the potential of buying a home rather

than renting.

"When they're facing rental increases because of the lack of supply, it actually makes more sense for them to consider ownership and pay a mortgage for the same price," he said.

The organization recently partnered with Truman Homes to offer 98 units at a new development in Skyview Ranch at below-market prices, with the built-in equity counting as a down payment for people struggling to save up the lump sum otherwise required to buy.

"They provide a good al-

ternative to renting a place, seeing as they only need to come up with \$2,000 of their own cash," said Tony Trutina of Truman Homes. "So we're hoping that will alleviate a little bit of the rental stress out there in Calgary."

Watson said about 42 units remain available at Skyview Ranch and another seven at another development in Auburn Bay.

Another 60 are expected to come online by early 2015 at a development in West Springs, where Attainable Homes broke ground this week.

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### Qualifications

- Those with at least one dependent child and household incomes below \$90,000 qualify to apply for purchasing an Attainable Homes unit, said CEO David Watson. The threshold for couples without children is \$80,000.
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## Flood fallout. Sled Island festival offers pass holders refund choice

Organizers behind a popular Calgary music festival are offering pass purchasers of their flood-impacted June event a full refund, but also putting "faith" in some to donate the cash to aid future events.

Floodwaters surged into the city just as the 2013 edition of Sled Island was getting underway, forcing the cancellation of numerous shows.

Executive director Maud Salvi said some sets were even cut off midway through as the scope of historic disaster became apparent.

Now, the festival is offering back every cent to those who purchased \$199 Discovery Passes and \$349 Discovery Plus Passes but hope some will allow the funds to be donated to future events.

Those choosing to put their support behind the festival's future are eligible for a charitable tax receipt as well, according to Salvi.

"We were in a bad position financially but at the same time we wanted to offer refunds to

### Details

In all, 1,400 passes were purchased for the Sled Island music festival, which was supposed to run June 19-22. If every person sought a full refund it would drain \$200,000 from the festival's annual budget.

- An online InvestYYC fundraising campaign has already netted more than \$10,000 for future Sled Island events in roughly two weeks.
- Those wanting a refund must make it known at sledisland.com no later than Aug. 27.

people," she said. "Obviously what happened didn't just happen to us."

Ticket and pass sales account for about 45 per cent of the festival's total annual budget, Silvi said.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

## Extra, extra! Papergirl to hit the streets armed with art

Pedal-powered art delivery will soon be hitting the streets of Calgary.

For the second year, Papergirl Calgary will be distributing original pieces of art to unsuspecting Calgarians. Papergirl is an art movement that began in Berlin and has since spread to cities around the world.

From Aug. 14-17, every piece of 2D art, whether created by a child or a professional artist, will be on display at the Epcor Centre's Arts Learning Centre before being taken off the walls, rolled up and packaged and distributed by about 30 papergirls

and boys on Aug. 18.

"It's about an exchange," explained organizer Sunshine Frère. "In exchange for their beautiful work, we get to exhibit it for them but then after that, we get to send their work out in to the world."

This year, Frère expects to hand out around 300 pieces of art ranging from paintings and photographs to love letters written by an artist in the U.K.

She said this year, volunteers will focus on distributing pieces in flood-affected areas.

KATIE TURNER/METRO



Volunteers package art for delivery during last year's inaugural Papergirl Calgary. CONTRIBUTED/SUNSHINE FRÈRE

### Four years

## Man involved in multimillion-dollar investment scam sentenced

A Calgary man was sentenced to four years in prison Thursday for an investment scam in which he cheated clients, friends and family out of millions of dollars.

Robert Sellars, 76, pleaded guilty to fraud earlier this year for bilking 350 mostly Calgary-area investors of almost \$27 million.

Court heard Sellars used his contacts from 50 years in the insurance business to attract clients to invest in his new company.

He promised annual returns of 15 to 18 per cent and as high as 36 per cent.

But it was all a Ponzi scheme. Money received from newer investors is used to pay interest payments guaranteed to older investors.

The company eventually went into bankruptcy.

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### Mark Marek

## Website owner charged over Magnotta case video gets bail a second time

A website owner who is charged over a grisly video at the centre of the Luka Magnotta murder case has been granted bail for the second time.

Mark Marek was arrested just outside Edmonton last week for allegedly breaching his original bail conditions.

A judge ruled Thursday that Marek be released again on a \$500 cash bond.

Marek has pleaded not guilty to a corrupting morals charge for allegedly posting a video from Magnotta while knowing it depicted a real killing.

The defence said Marek had planned to visit family in Slovakia in September, but didn't intend to run away from his legal problems. Marek told the judge that officers had already seized his passport.

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# Ticket sales pour in for Alberta flood relief concerts



Chad Kroeger and the rest of Alberta band Nickelback will headline the Alberta Flood Aid Benefit Concert Aug. 15. JEFF VINNICK/GETTY IMAGES

**'We're going to raise a lot of money.'** Seats remain for Aug. 15 McMahon Stadium show



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One major Alberta flood-relief concert has already packed its venue to the brim and an even bigger outing is verging on a sellout as well.

The Alberta Flood Aid Benefit Concert has sold more than 25,000 tickets and chair Peter Jurisic is "very confident" the remaining few thousand seats will also be filled well in advance of the Aug. 15 show date at McMahon Stadium.

"We sold 15,000 (tickets) in the first hour," Jurisic said. "That's huge. Ticketmaster said they were going nuts."

The Flood Aid concert features the likes of hometown Alberta boys Nickelback and

## Red Deer loves Rush

- Canadian rock legends Rush raised more than half a million dollars for flood relief during a concert in Red Deer last week.
- Of the money raised, \$400,000 will go to the Canadian Red Cross.
- Another \$125,000 will go to High River residents who were hit the hardest in the June flood, and \$50,000 will go to local charities.

headliners such as Tom Cochrane, Matthew Good and Jann Arden.

Meanwhile, organizers of the Halo High Water Benefit Concert announced Wednesday they have sold all their tickets to the telethon event this Sunday.

The Halo lineup features

country music stars like Paul Brandt, George Canyon and many more.

A limited number of tickets will be made available on the day of the event, organizers said. For more information, head to [halohighwater.ca](http://halohighwater.ca).

As for the Flood Aid event, tickets range from \$30 to \$100 and are available through Ticketmaster. More information is available at [abfloodaid.ca](http://abfloodaid.ca).

Jurisic said there's likely never been a lineup like this, noting the concert will span five hours and be preceded by a celebration in the McMahon parking lot.

"Concerts at McMahon Stadium are rare," he said. "The lineup of acts I think is extraordinary. They're all Canadian acts that have gone on to international fame ... we're going to raise a lot of money."

All proceeds from both the Halo and Flood Aid event will go towards the Calgary Foundation's Flood Rebuilding Fund.

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## Emotional toll more apparent weeks after flood

While the physical damage of the flood is slowly being repaired, more and more Calgarians are beginning to mend the emotional damage left in its wake.

Over the past month, the Calgary Counselling Centre has seen a record increase in requests for service.

"Apart from the physical damage the floods caused, there was also emotional," said CEO Dr. Robbie Babins-Wagner.

"With the proven link between flooding and mental health issues, people can be very vulnerable in times like this."

### Increase in requests

- The Calgary Counselling Centre received 692 requests for service in July, compared to 608 in 2012. This is a 14 per cent increase compared to last year. Sliding-fee-scale ensures counselling is accessible to everyone and that there is no wait-list.

Within 48 hours of the flood, the centre began to realign its resources to prepare for the increase in requests.

During the first four to

six weeks following a major disaster, Babins-Wagner said people generally focus on regaining basic needs.

After that time, they begin to notice the stress and emotional toll of the event.

"It is pretty normal to see the issues starting to come forward," said Babins-Wagner.

She adds that some of the warning signs can be changes in behaviour that do not seem to get better after about a week.

Some of these changes include the inability to sleep, changes in appetite, irritability and stress.

Babins-Wagner recommends first talking to natural support resources, such as friends and family, but if that is not helping, to then seek professional help.

Aside from counselling, the Centre is providing the community with tips and resources on emotional recovery and how to talk to your kids about natural disasters.

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Dr. Robbie Babins-Wagner, CEO of the Calgary Counselling Centre, stands in the call centre, which has seen a record number of requests for support in the wake of the June floods. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

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team will be selected by random draw at the end of the day.

The challenge will take place Saturday between noon and 6 p.m. on the 100 west block of Stephen Avenue Walk.

Calgary is the second of five Canadian stops for the challenge. The first was in Edmonton on July 27.

For more information, visit [interacflashchallenge.ctv.ca](http://interacflashchallenge.ctv.ca).

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## \$2.5 million

Edmonton lands  
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Edmonton police have seized 28 kilograms of cocaine — worth \$2.5 million — in what they are calling the largest cocaine bust in the force's history.

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For the next few weeks, if Calgary's night skies seem to be a little brighter, then blame director Christopher Nolan, who's brought some of Hollywood's brightest stars to the Calgary area to shoot his next mysterious film.

The director of Inception is here to work on a sci-fi feature called Interstellar, starring Matthew McConaughey, Michael Caine, John Lithgow, Jessica Chastain, Topher Grace and Casey Affleck.

And if we're all cool about it, maybe these celebrities might be just as excited to be in Calgary as we are about them being here.

After all, we've already had our fair share of movies filmed in and around Calgary, none being more historically significant than Cool Runnings. But it's rare to see a movie with so many current A-list stars being filmed in and around the area, so it seems extra exciting.

If you're lucky enough to see one of these big stars over the next few weeks, try not to make a big deal about it. In my experience, celebrities like being treated like normal people — rather different from many of the politicians we know, who like to be treated as if they are celebrities (but are rarely as good looking).

But, as my entire life has proven, sometimes it's hard to be cool.

Earlier this week, I heard Matthew McConaughey was having lunch at the Joey's in

Eau Claire. I happened to be in the neighbourhood and thought, "Why not?"

So a friend and I excitedly skipped down to the restaurant to see if we could get a look at the movie star. Since I'm a maritimer, I also took the opportunity to have a mid-afternoon drink on the sun-soaked patio.

As luck would have it, we ended up sitting just a few feet away from McConaughey and his family. For the next hour or so, we not-so-casually glanced over from time to time (every minute), hardly believing that the star of 1994's The Return of the Texas Chainsaw Massacre was close enough to touch.

## The sad truth

But, as my entire life has proven, sometimes it's hard to be cool.

In the scheme of things, does it really matter if any of us have an interaction with a movie star? Probably not, but it's always fun.

On one hand, yes they are normal people. It could be argued that they are just like our friends and family.

But on the other, much more attractive hand, these are movie stars, many whose careers we've been bank-rolling with \$15 movie tickets for as long as I can remember. If we're excited to see them on the big screen, why wouldn't we be excited to be eating and drinking beside them?

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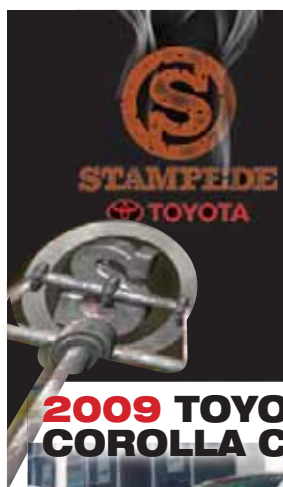




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# Cleveland kidnapper gets life in prison plus 1,000 years

**'I'm not a monster. I'm sick.'** Ariel Castro blames sex addiction for behaviour as court hears horrific details of women's confinement

The Cleveland, Ohio, man convicted of holding three women captive in his house for over a decade and raping

them repeatedly was sentenced Thursday to life without parole plus 1,000 years.

Ariel Castro, 53, had pleaded guilty to 937 counts including aggravated murder, kidnapping, rape and assault.

Castro apologized and told the court he's addicted to pornography, but he claimed that most of the sex with the women was consensual.

"These people are trying to paint me as a monster," he

said. "I'm not a monster. I'm sick."

A deal struck with prosecutors Friday spared him from a possible death sentence for beating and starving a pregnant victim until she miscarried.

The women disappeared separately from 2002 to 2004 when they were 14, 16 and 20 years old.

They escaped May 6 when one of them, Amanda Berry, broke out part of the door to

Castro's house and yelled to neighbours for help.

The women described horrific conditions in the home, which Castro turned into a jury-rigged prison.

"You took 11 years of my life away, and I have got it back," Michelle Knight told Castro on Thursday. "I spent 11 years in hell. Now your hell is just beginning. I will overcome all this, but you will face hell for eternity."

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Ariel Castro, right, speaks during the sentencing phase as defence attorney Craig Weintraub watches Thursday in Cleveland. Castro was sentenced to life in prison plus 1,000 years. TONY DEJAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Funeral held for Toronto teen shot and killed by police

Mourners of slain teen Sammy Yatim raise their hands as his hearse pulls away following his funeral in Toronto on Thursday. The shooting of Yatim by police Saturday morning has sparked public outrage over police use of force. Donning a T-shirt bearing his photo and the words 9 Shots...? — a reference to the number of shots heard on recorded footage — Yatim's teenage sister urged mourners gathered at her brother's funeral to take action to ensure his death is the last of its kind. "He wasn't the first to die this way but hopefully he can be the last," she said. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Brazeau. Senator broke law filing inappropriate expenses, RCMP say

The RCMP are alleging after a preliminary investigation that Sen. Patrick Brazeau broke the law by filing inappropriate Senate expense claims, according to documents released Thursday.

RCMP Corp. Greg Horton filed a request for documents in which he alleges Brazeau committed a breach of trust, a

criminal offence, in the former Conservative senator's handling of his expense accounts.

Horton said in a sworn affidavit the Mounties' investigation so far shows that Brazeau did not live in a house he claimed as his primary residence in Maniwaki, Que.

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## Italy. High court upholds Berlusconi's tax-fraud conviction, sentence

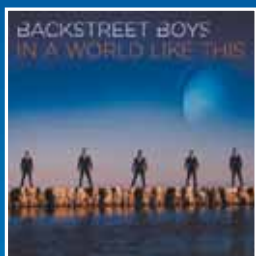
Italy's former premier Silvio Berlusconi was definitively convicted of tax fraud and sentenced to four years in prison Thursday by the nation's highest court. The tensely awaited decision was described as a historical moment by opposition

politicians and puts fresh pressure on Premier Enrico Letta's fragile coalition government.

He needs the support of Berlusconi supporters and his own party to push through reforms to get Italy out of recession.

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## NSA leaker. Snowden walks free into Russia

Defying the U.S., Russia granted Edward Snowden temporary asylum on Thursday, allowing the National Security Agency leaker to slip out of the Moscow airport, where he's been holed up for weeks in hopes of evading espionage charges back home.

Snowden now has plenty of room to roam and continue the bizarre journey that has stretched across half the planet — from Hawaii to Hong Kong to the Russian capital.

Russia appears to have reck-

oned ending Snowden's airport limbo was worth intensifying a political standoff with the U.S. The White House warned the decision could derail an upcoming summit between the countries' leaders.

The move places a significant strain on already corroded relations with Washington. Putin has been increasingly resentful of U.S. criticism and "meddling." The decision gives Russia cover to depict itself as a defender of human rights.

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### Jamaica

#### Probe the killing of cross-dresser: Group

A New York-based human-rights group is calling for Jamaican police to investigate the mob killing of a teenage cross-dresser. Gay advocates say Dwayne Jones was found dead July 22 after being attacked by a crowd while at a dance party.

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### On a Roll-ing Stone

#### Boston bomb suspect issue sells big

The issue of Rolling Stone with Boston bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev on the cover has sold nearly twice as many copies as an average issue according to Adweek, which says 13,000 copies were sold from July 19 to 29.

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# Anti-gay law to apply at Sochi Olympics: Min.



An Israeli youth holds a sign criticizing Russian President Vladimir Putin as she participates in the gay pride parade in Jerusalem, Thursday. Russia will enforce a new law cracking down on gay-rights activism during the Olympics next year, the country's sports minister said Thursday. SEBASTIAN SCHEINER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Russia.** Activism could earn foreigners fines up to 100,000 rubles, 15 days in prison, deportation and denial of re-entry

Russia will enforce a new law cracking down on gay-rights activism when it hosts the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, the country's sports minister said Thursday, appearing to contradict assurances to the contrary from the International Olympic Committee.

Russia's contentious law

### Canada's response

**"It is an incitement to intolerance, which breeds hate. And intolerance and hate breed violence."**

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird

was signed by President Vladimir Putin in late June, imposing fines on individuals accused of spreading "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations" to minors, and even proposing penalties for those who express these views online or in the news media. Gay-pride rallies also are banned.

"An athlete of nontraditional sexual orientation isn't banned from coming to Sochi," Vitaly Mutko said in an interview with R-Sport, a state sports newswire. "But if he goes out into the streets and starts to propagandize, then of course he will be held accountable."

Mutko emphasized that the law wasn't designed to punish anyone for being gay or lesbian. But, Mutko said, athletes would be punished for propaganda, a word that remains ambiguous under the new law.

Athletes have made individual gestures and called for protests, such as a pride parade, to be held during the Games.

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## PLAYTESTING

There are three stages to poking the perimeter of a game's rules to see how they can be broken.

**1 Solo:** The designers take the game for an early spin because "you don't want to expose people to what could end up being a mess."

**2 Group:** Once glaringly obvious wrinkles are ironed out, grant your fellow designers critical licence and set them loose on your creation.

**3 Blind:** Find some players and hand them the rulebook to figure things out.

## PUBLISHING

When your blind test earns more applause than furrowed brows, the next step is weighing the pros and cons of publishing vs. self-publishing.

"With self-publishing, you get 100 per cent creative control and 100 per cent of the profits," says Cormier. "But it's an astonishing amount of work. Self-publishing designers often find themselves spending a lot more time marketing than actual designing."

With board game cafés popping up all across the country, it's getting easier to get your game on with people who love them as much as you do

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# You can play at this game across the board

## DESIGNING A PROTOTYPE

Cormier warns aspiring designers not to get swept up in the romance of seeing their vision beautifully displayed on a tabletop.

"You could easily end up making dozens of prototypes on your way to a finished product," he says. "So thinking that your idea deserves to be fully rendered immediately can be time-consuming."

Cormier and partner Sen-Foong Lim's technique is cheap and easy, using widely available clip art for graphics and common objects for tokens.

"Prototypes don't get to the point where they're publicly available, so we don't run afoul of any copyright laws."

If you spend enough time perusing Twitter bios, you're bound to come across people who list "Catan champion" alongside other accomplishments like "foodie" and "craft-beer enthusiast."

These people are among the many devotees of Settlers of Catan, a wildly popular strategy board game that's often called a "gateway drug" for people who aren't already into the hobby.

But that can't be right, can it? What are so many plugged-in people, with attention spans supposedly digitally shattered by the age of instant gratification, doing hunched over a table, whiling away the hours on something so ... so ... rustic.

"There's nothing new about people gathering to play board games," says gaming evangelist David Minken. "But it's definitely easier to find them."

The Calgary geophysicist encountered something similar when he was living in Oklahoma.

"My house was by a (Frisbee) golf course, which is something I'd never really heard of," he chuckles. "But because it was so close, I got into it. When I got back to Calgary, I found there were a bunch of courses I had no idea existed. The community was so insular."

"The same goes for board games," he adds. "You have the games you like

to play and the people you like to play them with."

But that's quickly changing with the massive popularity of board-game cafés across Canada, perhaps none more successful than Toronto's Snakes and Lattes, which has played host to packed rooms and waiting lists since opening in 2010.

"I used to get frustrated with this community," Minken says. "It needs to grow. Video games used to be similar, now they're very mainstream. These cafés are the perfect opportunity."

Inspired by cafés and a weekend spent at Fallcon, an annual confab of Catan settlers and tabletop generals for which he is now an organizer, Minken aims to bring the café experience to Calgary.

"I've ordered modular shelves I can store my games in to create a portable board-game café," he says of his pop-up-shop brainchild. "So if there's a coffee shop that happens to be slow on a Sunday, we can roll everything in there and set up."

"It's not about making money. If it's seen that way, the community will reject it. Immersive games can require multiple playthroughs with people who know the rules. That's what this is about."

It's not just the gamers who are increasingly rallying together. It's the designers, too.

Vancouver-based designer Jay Cormier, who creates games with his partner Sen-Foong Lim, is part of the Game Artisans of Canada, a designer/enthusiast group whose members swap prototypes to put rulebooks through their paces in an effort to polish nascent games to a publication-ready shine.

"Anybody who wants to create their own game is going to have a very high bar for what makes a quality board game," Cormier says. "And what most of them find after trying their first design is that they don't meet their own standard of quality."

Game Artisans members have similar standards, Cormier says, providing a collective critical eye detached from the emotional pull designs can have on their creators.

So if success can be found through strength in numbers, board-game culture in Canada is set to thrive.

"The clever thing video games did is build the learning curve into the design," Minken notes. "So by the end you're doing all kinds of things you weren't in the beginning."

Obviously, board games don't have that luxury. What they do bring to the table — literally and figuratively — is a community happy to walk you through the curve.

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## Games people play

## Taking it to the next level

These are lists crowd-sourced from a bunch of enthusiasts, with a valuable assist from David Minken. The milestones were a little more dry, so I presented him with scenarios and asked him to offer suggestions. This is what we got back.

**I played Catan at a friend's house and loved it. What next?**

1. Ticket to Ride
2. Pandemic
3. Bohnanza

**I want a fun party game that won't offend people.**

1. Dixit
2. Time's Up
3. Telestrations

**I want a fun party game that WILL offend people.**

1. Cards against Humanity
2. A Question of Scruples
3. Crappy Birthday

**I used to like playing Risk, but each game is too long.**

1. El Grande
2. Small World
3. Risk 2210

**What are the best card-based games?**

1. 7 Wonders
2. Hanabi
3. Dominion

**My kids have aged past Trouble and Sorry. What next?**

1. King of Tokyo
2. Forbidden Island
3. Dexterity games like Animal Upon Animal or Pitch Car

**What's a good rare or out-of-print game to browse eBay for?**

1. Roads and Boats
2. Space Hulk
3. Gulo Gulo

**What is the weirdest game you've ever played?**

1. 1000 Blank Cards
2. Tales of the Arabian Night
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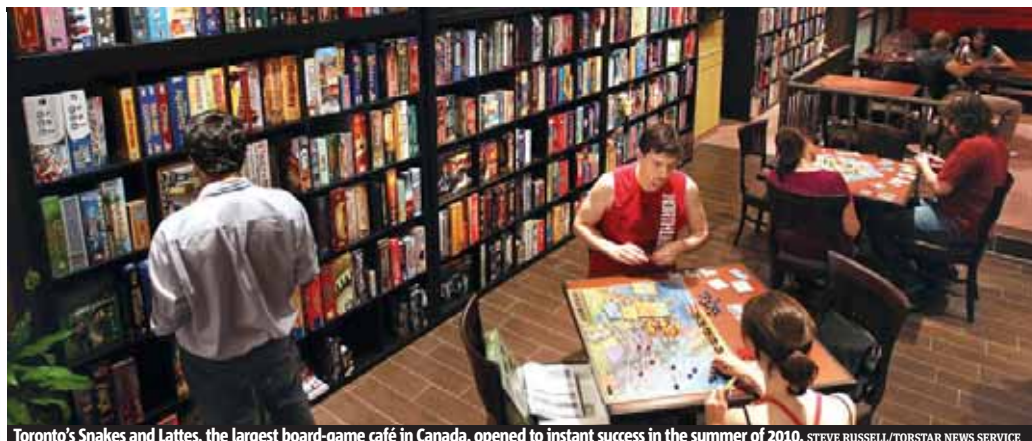
## START

It all starts with an idea, of course.

"Inspiration can come a number of ways," designer Jay Cormier says. "Sometimes it's a setting. Sometimes it's a mechanic. With Belfort, I was playing a lot of Warcraft II and thought that style would make for a great board game."

Game genesis can even begin with something as simple as a name.

"Obviously, a great title can have a huge impact on a game's success. And if that happens to come first, it can help guide you."



Toronto's Snakes and Lattes, the largest board-game café in Canada, opened to instant success in the summer of 2010. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



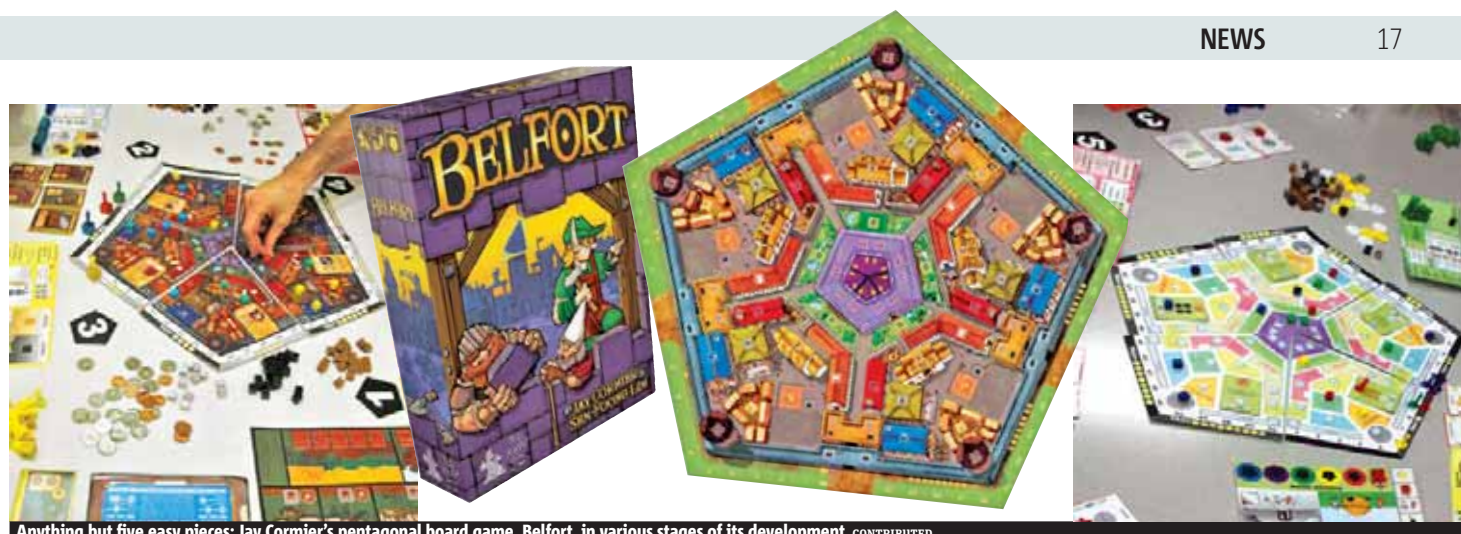
## FINDING A PUBLISHER

So a publisher it is. Where do they hang out?

"The easiest thing is a cold call, whether on a publisher's website or with an email," Cormier says.

That does sound easy. "That's never worked for us."

Oh.  
"The best place to pitch is at a convention. Publishers have their people onsite to play games and talk with designers. It's just a matter of registering and showing up with your bag of games and a few elevator pitches."



Anything but five easy pieces: Jay Cormier's pentagonal board game, Belfort, in various stages of its development. CONTRIBUTED

# How to chute your way up the design ladder

If you've ever rallied your opponents to throw their Monopoly tax bill into the Free Parking pot, or stripped Scotland Yard's Mr. X of his black tickets, you're already on your way to becoming a board-game designer.

"Getting into game design often starts with creating house rules," says Vancouver-based designer Jay Cormier. "Finding flaws in an existing game and working to improve them."

Cormier and his partner, Sen-Foong Lim, better known in enthusi-



Jay Cormier  
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ast circles as the Bamboozle Brothers, have spent years hunched over their tabletop creations as they tinkered their way to scoring publishing deals for titles like Belfort and Train of Thought.

Cracking the whip on house rules is merely Step 1, though. Step 2 is a little more nebulous.

"Ideas for a game can come from many places," Cormier says. "With Belfort, I was playing a lot of Warcraft II and I thought that would make a great world for a board game. Sending people into the woods to work."

"Other times you think of a mechanic you'd like to try. Or, 'Wouldn't it be cool to have a board game about underwater diving?'"

The Bamboozle Brothers are both members of the Game

Artisans of Canada, a gaggle of designers and enthusiasts who work together to hone new ideas into a functional game.

According to Cormier, groups like the Game Artisans are the perfect resource for aspiring designers.

"Sending your baby to people who are just as critical can really improve a game."

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There's big money in it. Try these figures for size: In 2012, more than \$319 million was pledged to campaigns by more than 2.2 million people. That's more than \$600 a minute. In all, 18,109 projects, from board games to books to movies, hit target.

Sounds like easy money, right? Wrong.

Luca Vince Caltabiano, of Montreal, is the creator of Carmarace, this week's leading Canadian tabletop game on Kickstarter. With 22 days to go, it's about halfway to its \$23,000 target for production costs.

"It's a board game for one to six players and everybody's playing hitchhikers trying to get to a convention," explains Caltabiano. It's card-based and includes bikes, planes and trains, cop chases, and old ladies in the road.

Caltabiano's been hyping his game like crazy, posting on every online meeting place he can think of. It's eating a lot of his time.

"I have a newfound respect for everybody who does Kickstarter," he says. "Just setting up the campaign took about a week and the (promo) video took 80 hours to produce."

But now he just needs to hit his target. That should be easy, right? Wrong again.

Plenty of crowdfunding projects just don't go anywhere. AppsBlogger.com has estimated about half of all projects don't reach their targets.

Then there are the successful failures, like The Doom that Came to Atlantic City, a board game about an invasion of monsters.

It raised more than four times its \$35,000 goal. More than 1,200 people pledged more than \$122,000 in total. But last week its Portland, Ore., creators pulled the plug, citing inexperience, technical problems and ego clashes. The "hope" is to refund everyone fully. Lots of people are angry.

But when Kickstarter's good, it's very good. Bones was a project by Reaper Miniatures of Denton, Texas, offering miniature figures for role-playing games. It had a target of \$30,000 but closed in August 2012 after raising \$3,429,235 from more than 17,000 people.

The millions are there. All you need is an idea. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO



## CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Congratulations! All your hard work and convention hustle has paid off. Now it's time to get down to brass tacks and carve out your piece of the pie. You would be wise not to overlook an area that's recently become hugely important, courtesy of what's likely in your pocket right now.

"One thing that's getting more important is digital rights, especially apps," says Cormier. "We're working with (German publisher) Queen and we negotiated hard for the digital rights, because this game is particularly suited for an app."

## FINISH

Enjoy the riches! Well, not quite. There are certainly success stories to be found, but many designers are hobbyists holding down day jobs to keep the wolf from the door — which isn't a bad title for a game.

"The only way to make game design an occupation is to either have a bunch of games out there or score with something evergreen," says Cormier. "A game like Settlers of Catan or Pandemic that somebody, somewhere is always buying."

But Belfort is holding its own. Cormier and Lim have deals in Germany and Poland, a third printing has been released in North America, and a Kickstarter-funded expansion is on the way.



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TransCanada CEO Russ Girling, right, and TransCanada president of energy and oil pipelines Alex Pourbaix announce the company is moving forward with the 1.1-million-barrel-per-day Energy East Pipeline project at a news conference in Calgary on Thursday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# TransCanada going ahead with Energy East pipeline

**Calgary.** Firm says it has enough interest from customers to greenlight 'historic' project, which would deliver oil to New Brunswick and Quebec

TransCanada Corp. is moving ahead with a \$12-billion plan to ship western oil to Quebec and the East Coast — the largest project in the company's history and one it compares to the Canadian Pacific Railway in its economic impact for the country and trade benefits overseas.

The Calgary-based company announced Thursday there is enough interest from customers, at home and abroad, in the proposed Energy East pipeline for the project to go ahead.

Energy East would deliver up to 1.1 million barrels per day to refineries and export terminals in Quebec in late 2017 and New Brunswick one year later.

The project, which still faces regulatory hurdles, has the support of the Alberta and New Brunswick governments but it's not clear yet whether Quebec has been won over.

Critics have already vowed to fight the project, which they describe as unsafe and unlikely to deliver on job creation and energy security promises. That position has, in part, led to repeated delays for another high-

profile TransCanada project, the Keystone XL pipeline in the United States.

Of Energy East's expected capacity, some 900,000 barrels per day are covered by binding, long-term commitments from shippers, the company said. TransCanada had earlier pitched the project as an 850,000-barrel-per-day pipeline, suggesting the appetite for the project was stronger than even it expected.

"This is a historic day for TransCanada and a historic day for our country," CEO Russ Girling said, likening it to "bold ventures" such as the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Trans-Canada Highway and the company's own cross-country natural gas mainline.

"Each of these enterprises demanded innovative thinking and a strong belief that building critical infrastructure ties our country together, making us stronger and more in control of our own destiny."

Energy East would involve converting a portion of TransCanada's underused natural gas mainline to ship oil 3,000 kilometres from Alberta to its terminus near the Quebec-Vermont border.

Some 1,400 kilometres of new pipe will be built to Saint John, N.B., where crude can both feed Irving Oil's massive refinery as well as be shipped offshore.

The Alberta Federation of

## Export terminals

- Irving Oil said Thursday it planned to build a \$300-million marine export terminal in Saint John, N.B., to handle the increase. New Brunswick Premier David Alward called the project a "game changer" for his province.
- Another export terminal could be built in Quebec, although the location has not been determined.

Labour agreed Energy East could create jobs — but only if it's part of a national strategy to add more domestic refining and oilsands upgrading jobs. Otherwise, those jobs are in danger of being exported along with the oil.

"We need a strategy to ensure Albertans get the maximum value out of the resources they own," said AFL president Gil McGowan. "Doing so creates more jobs and wealth."

In a statement, Premier Alison Redford said Energy East is "truly a nation-building project that will diversify our economy and create new jobs here in Alberta and across the country."

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An empty space on a liquor shelf where Russian vodka used to be. Many gay bars across North America have joined a campaign to stop selling Russian vodka due to anti-gay laws in that country. SCOTT EISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Boycott of Russian vodka takes a twist

**Global action.** The drink is being targeted due to Russia's anti-LGBT laws — but should a pro-gay brand get an exception?



EMILY JACKSON  
Metro in Vancouver

It's being poured down bar

sinks around the world to protest Russia's draconian laws against the LGBT community, but Stolichnaya vodka will be served at the Kinky Pride Party in Vancouver after the city's Pride parade Sunday night.

Event organizer Reive Doig of the Noir Fetish Ball was supportive when he first heard of the boycott, originally proposed by American columnist Dan Savage to pressure Russia to change its "gay propaganda"

legislation before the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

But when Doig read about Stoli's support of the LGBT community in places such as South Africa, he decided the boycott unfairly hurt a company trying to help. "Stoli has worked with the gay community. They're trying to make a difference where they can and it just seems wrong to me," he said. "They deserve not to be tarred with the same brush."

## Publishing. U.S. army stores drop skin mags over poor sales

Playboy, Penthouse and other sex-themed magazines will no longer be sold at U.S. army and air-force exchanges — a move described by the stores' operators as a business decision based on falling sales, and not a result of recent pressure from anti-pornography activists.

The 48 "adult sophisticate" magazines being dropped are among a total of 891 periodicals that will no longer be offered by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service at its stores on U.S. military bases worldwide. Other titles getting the axe include English Garden, Sponge-Bob Comics, the New York Re-

view of Books and the Saturday Evening Post.

Chris Ward, a spokesman for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, said the cutbacks — which took effect Wednesday — would reduce the space allotted to magazines by 33 per cent and free up room at the exchanges for more popular products.

He noted newsstand sales of most consumer magazines were falling steadily as online alternatives proliferated. Sales of the "adult sophisticate" category of magazines at the exchanges declined 86 per cent since 1998, he said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Sex-themed magazines, such as these seen at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, will no longer be sold at U.S. Army and Air Force exchanges.

DAWN HAWKINS/MORALITY IN MEDIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Battle of idols

## U.K. halts export of Austen ring bought by Kelly Clarkson

The British government has stepped in to stop singer Kelly Clarkson from taking a ring once owned by author Jane Austen out of the country. The American Idol winner bought the gold-and-turquoise ring at an auction last year for about \$235,000.

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## ESPIONAGE OK, BUT CAN'T BE GAY

**1 Apocalypse sooner than you think.** Researchers from the University of Victoria figure a runaway greenhouse effect will cause the Earth's oceans to boil a lot sooner than expected — as early as half a billion years from now instead of the originally projected 1.1 billion. Before you get lulled into a false sense of complacency, another study says 1,700 U.S. coastal cities will be under water by 2100. Cancel my calls!

**2 A gift for his adoring fans.** Justin Bieber was let loose in Toronto this week and took some time out to allegedly spit on his fans. That is, there are photos of him spitting from his hotel balcony, photos of the adoring fans down below, but no money shot. For the record: Bieber's spokesperson denies he spit on anyone on that day. Job of the week: Justin Bieber's spokesperson.



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**Paul Sullivan**  
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**3 And in other news, Justin.** The leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, Justin Trudeau, decides it's time to call for the legalization of marijuana. Is this a calculated gamble to appeal to a younger generation of voters? At least he didn't spit on anyone. Expectations are getting pretty low out there.

**4 What a guy.** As far as Pope Francis is concerned, it's OK to be gay ("Who am I to judge?"). But there's a catch: You can't actually have gay sex. Ever. Just in case you had any ideas. And while we're at it, no female priests either. You can only take this "progressive" stuff so far, and we're all the way up to the 18th century now.

**5 From Russia, where's the love?** After spending a month in the Moscow airport, Edward Snowden, the guy who revealed that the U.S. National Security Agency monitors everything, all the time, was

granted temporary asylum by the Russians. Good thing he's not gay — the homophobic state would have put him in jail for a real crime.

**6 Hey there, Georgie Boy.** Despite all of the above, the newest heir to the British throne, George Alexander Louis, is now almost two weeks old. But it's not likely he'll ever wear the crown. Grandfather Charles is next up, then father William, but the way QE2 is going, she'll outlive them all!

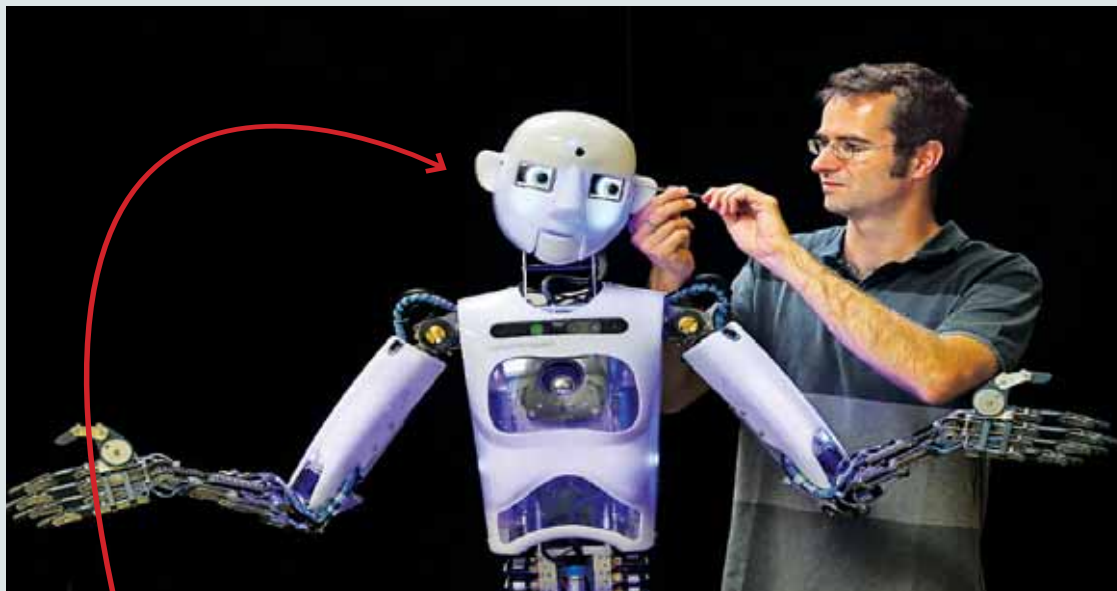
**7 Fortuitous book launch.** If you think dating is difficult, try this one on for size. In an effort to find the woman of his dreams, a man from Australia wrote a 99-page dating guide called *The Cock Manifesto*. Despite the title, it's not just a phallic reference, but includes everything from his dislike for "players," to explicit requests for photos of the potential girlfriend's nether regions. Carlos Danger, a.k.a. Anthony Weiner, may have met his match.



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### ZOOM

## Sorry, I'm afraid I can't hear that



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### Meet the android that imitates us

An engineer provides the final touches to a nearly completed RoboThespian robot at the Engineered Arts factory in the town of Penryn, England. The firm is the world's only maker of commercially available life-sized humanoid robots. The interactive android is sold worldwide to visitor

attractions and universities.

The company dismissed concerns about its humanoid robots setting out to destroy humans as in *I, Robot*, the book by Isaac Asimov and the movie starring Will Smith. "Our robots are for entertainment; they don't desire to take over the world," said Gill Spencer, administrator at Engineered Arts. **METRO**

### Company's viewpoint

"The robot is designed to imitate our movements and expressions. And it's multilingual, too, fluent in more than 20 languages. People are fascinated by them."

Gill Spencer, administrator at Engineered Arts

### Cost and uses of bot

- \$83,600 US is how much one RoboThespian android costs, and it's for sale to the public.
- RoboThespian (meaning "robot actor") is used in live stage shows — popular in South Korea.

### Clickbait



**ANDREW FIFE**  
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In honour of today's board games feature, we're going to give a little love to board games that have gone on to second lives as mobile apps.

### Ticket to Ride

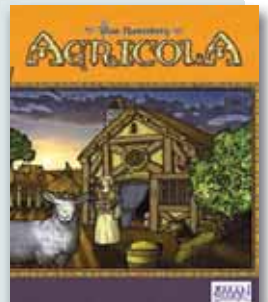
Outwit and stymie your opponents as everyone rushes to claim train routes across North America. Drawing route cards adds a nice risk-reward component to the game, but nothing is as fun as derailing the best-laid plans of your opponents. (iPad/\$6.99)

### Agricola

Best described as a mix between farming and family planning, *Agricola* removes the luck typically associated with board games and instead forces you to rely purely on strategy. Learning the ropes can be a little dense, but it's the game's depth that rewards the players. (iOS/\$6.99)

### Scotland Yard

Take on the role of either master criminal Mr. X or the detectives tasked with chasing him through London. The board game has achieved well-deserved cult status, but the lousy AI can sometimes hold the digital version back. (iOS/\$5.99)



### Letters

**RE: Feds To Spend Less On Science, Tech, Finds Statistics Canada, published online July 30**

The better debate is whether or not the government should spend taxpayers' money on innovation initiatives.

The government is less prudent with every dollar spent than the private sector because the government inherently assumes less risk. Failed government initiatives decrease taxpayers' standard of living because they indirectly pick up the bill.

Besides, the companies that

receive science and technology funds are based on arbitrary criteria set by policy makers.

This gives an unfair competitive advantage to certain companies in the industry. The better solution is to tax science and technology companies less rather than redistributing dollars after the fact, which is not very efficient, or provide better tax credits. Both are indiscriminate solutions.

It is best that the government get out of the innovation business before they find themselves in a gassy scandal.

**Wojciech Kaperka**  
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## Synopsis

This weekend Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg team up in the action comedy *2 Guns*. They play a DEA agent and an undercover Naval Intelligence officer, respectively, on the run after an investigation into a drug cartel goes wrong. It's the first time the two superstars have appeared together on-screen, but both have played characters like this in the past. This week the Reel Guys are rifling through their Blu Rays, DVDs, Laser-Discs and video cassettes to uncover the best and perhaps lesser known work of the actors we like to call Washington and Wahlberg.



Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg both have pretty good track records when it comes to acting. CONTRIBUTED

## Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



# We love Washington

**Roles review.** With *2 Guns* hitting theatres this weekend, the Reel Guys remember their fave Denzel and Marky Mark movies

**Richard:** Mark, Washington has played his share of attorneys and policemen over the years, but he has never been afraid to try new things, as he did in 1993's *Much Ado About Nothing*. In this all-star adaptation of Shakespeare's most famous romantic comedy, he plays the powerful Don Pedro of Aragon. The movie took hits for its miscasting of Keanu Reeves and Michael Keaton in key roles, but

Washington was praised for his work. Do you have a favourite Denzel performance?

**Mark:** Richard, where to start? I've never seen a bad Denzel performance. Never. It's one thing to make Shakespeare come alive onscreen, but he can even make a turkey like *The Book of Eli* worth watching. Was he fantastic as Malcolm X? Yes. As the private eye in *Devil In A Blue Dress*? Of course. How about the plotless *Flight* from last year? He's the whole movie. A thriller like *The Taking of Pelham 1-2-3*? Nobody plays ordinary like this extraordinary actor. But if you're forcing me to name my favourite Denzel role, it would have to be as the crooked cop in *Training Day*. I just love it when good

guys play bad.

**RC:** He's not afraid to explore the dark side of his characters and it is not a guarantee that he will be alive by the time the end credits roll. That's a comment on an actor who brings some much welcome moral ambiguity to his roles. Similarly Wahlberg is an actor who likes to shake things up. In the last calendar year we've seen him do outrageous comedy in *Ted*, playing stupid in *Pain and Gain* and a revenge happy ex-cop in *Broken City*. Like Washington, the only thing that connects all the performances is the actor's charisma.

**MB:** Y-y-y-yes, but you can't quite put them in the same league. I thought Wahlberg

was excellent in his last two movies, *Pain and Gain*, and the underrated *Broken City*. He was OK in *Ted*, but really, it's weird for an actor to get upstaged by a teddy bear. If I'm looking for a definitive Wahlberg performance, it would have to be his work in *The Departed*.

**RC:** *The Departed* is great and may be his best performance to date if only because he rivals Samuel L. Jackson's ability with swear words in almost every sentence.

**MB:** And back to *Pain and Gain*. A director should make his actors look good, but it's to Wahlberg's credit that he makes his director, Michael Bay, look good. No small achievement.

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# 2 SCENE



# Dane Cook on the finer points of Planes

**Dissecting a kids' film.** Why are there crops and passenger planes in a vehicular world, Mr. Cook?



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Metro World News in Hollywood

Disney's new animated feature, *Planes*, extends the universe introduced in *Cars* and *Cars 2*, but in watching the film we were left with a fair number of logistical questions. So we turned to the film's star, Dane Cook, to address some of our more pressing quandaries. "I don't know if you're supposed to think about it as deeply as this," he cautioned, but he was a good sport about it anyway.

**You play a cropduster in the film. Who are the crops for?** That is, um ... it's for esthetics. Because (the town of) Propwash Junction, it needs to have a dynamic look to it.



Dane Cook is the voice of Dusty Crophopper in *Planes*, which opens next week. CONTRIBUTED

Those crops just make it on the fringe.

**The film features some giant passenger jets. What are they doing? Who are they carrying?**

Maybe there's very small

planes that are travelling inside of them. Maybe there are remote-controlled planes, the little toy kind. They can't fly over the ocean, they're battery operated.

**If cars and planes exist in the same world, why aren't the bigger, faster, stronger planes the dominant species and ruling over the cars?**

I think planes are pretty passive, and I think they enjoy their car brethren, as we can

say. They're a peaceful mechanical piece of engineering.

**The term "engine failure" comes up. Wouldn't that just mean that a plane is dead?** That would probably mean that particular plane is maybe

having a cramp. I would say that sometimes when I'm jogging I say, "Oh, I'm having a bit of engine failure." And then I usually have to stop and get some water.

**Where is a plane's sense of self? And how many parts can you change out before it's just a completely new plane?**

It's like humans. You can go in and you can have a kidney removed, you can now have heart valves or pacemakers put in. It's kind of the same thing.

**The Second World War is mentioned in one character's back-story. So is there a vehicular Hitler in the *Cars* universe, and if so what kind of vehicle was he?**

That might be a spin-off. You're onto something. I think if enough people start blogging about this, then Disney would have to answer the call (laughs). I hadn't thought about that one. I'd thought of the other ones, but that's good. In my whole career, that will be the most obtuse, wild question.

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Drama



## The Lesser Blessed

Director. Anita Doron

Stars. Joel Evans, Benjamin Bratt, Kiowa Gordon

In Anita Doron's *The Lesser Blessed*, the life of a First Nations teenager living in the Northwest Territories is drastically changed when he's befriended by the new boy at school. Larry Sole (Joel Evans) stops being an outsider the day Johnny Beck (Kiowa Gordon) takes him under his wing, but even he can't seem to protect Larry from his past. Though it serves a heavy dose of adolescent drama, Doron's feature lends a voice to First Nations characters we don't normally see on screen.

MANORI RAVINDRAN

Action/Comedy



## 2 Guns

Director. Baltasar Kormakur

Stars. Denzel Washington, Mark Wahlberg

*2 Guns*, a new action comedy, is what's called a refrigerator movie. It seems to add up while you're watching it, but later, when you're at home in front of the fridge looking for a snack and thinking back, you realize that it didn't make any sense. Not that it matters when you have Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg as a DEA agent and an undercover Naval Intelligence officer on the run after an investigation into a drug cartel goes wrong. They have charisma to burn and good chemistry.

RICHARD CROUSE

# X-Men promo begins with site

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*X-Men: Days of Future Past* doesn't open until May 23, 2014, but Fox isn't sitting around waiting for valuable promotion time to slip away.

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Peter Dinklage plays Bolivar Trask in *X-Men: Days of Future Past*, which opens next year. CONTRIBUTED

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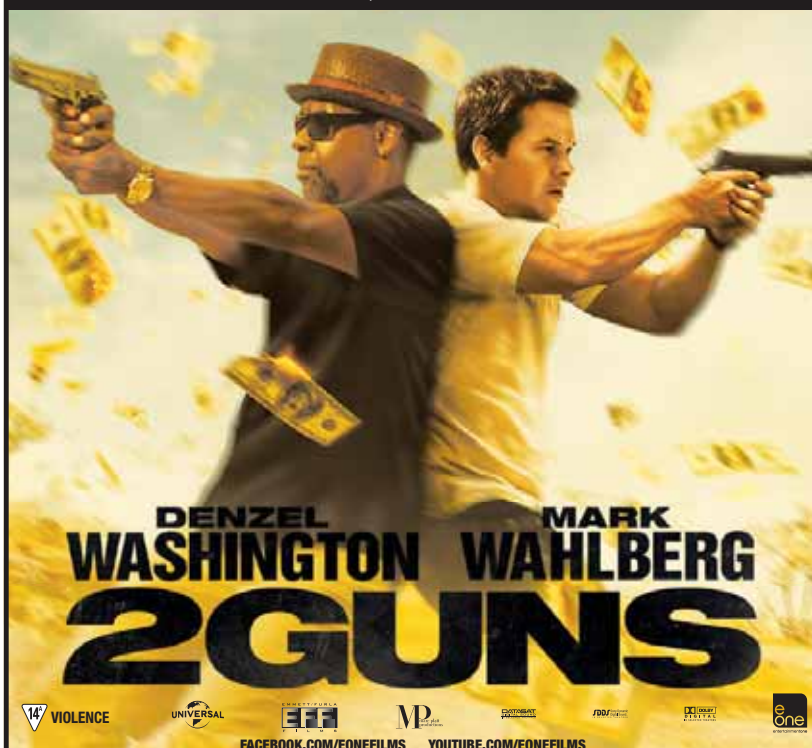
*X-Men: Days of Future Past* will reportedly have Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) travelling

back in time to the '60s to help deal with Mr. Trask and his great ideas. And thus we'll get DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF X-MEN! The movie is directed by Bryan Singer and stars, among others, Captain Picard, Gandalf, Katniss Everdeen, Sookie, the creepy kid from *About a Boy*, Carl Jung, Gnomeo, Juno and Mike Weston.

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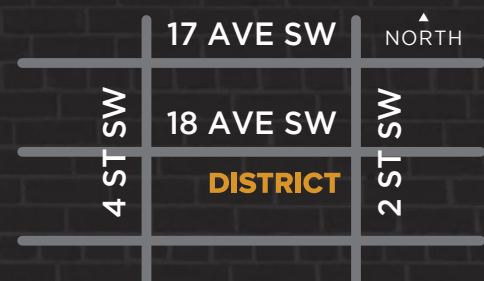


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## Finding familiar faces



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A welcome return of two old friends and a weird push back against Silicon Valley



### A Copy of A/ Nine Inch Nails

Trent Reznor's resurrected NIN is road testing new songs from the upcoming album *Hesitation Marks*. If the rest of the album sounds like this, fans are going to freak out.



### Bagboy/Pixies

A second video for a song that just came out? I guess since this is the first new Pixies track since 2004, they're trying to make up for lost time.



### Google Google Apps Apps/ Persia

A push back against Silicon Valley gentrification by a group of LGBTQ singers. Not exactly safe for work.

## Pop star signs deal to play pro soccer

**Charity.** One Direction singer Tomlinson signs contract with English soccer club Doncaster, expects to raise money for charity



Louis Tomlinson. GETTY IMAGES

One Direction singer Louis Tomlinson's career is heading in a new direction.

The boy band star signed up to play a game for English football club Doncaster, a team that plays in the second-tier League Championship.

The announcement — labelled "breaking news" by Britain's 24-hour sports news channel — will see Tomlinson given the No. 28 shirt in his club's squad.

"This has always been a childhood dream for me," the 21-year-old Tomlinson said. "I feel very honoured to have

Doncaster's stadium, serving food.

But he always hoped to pull on the shirt of his hometown club in northern England one day.

"We often play football with the lads, any time we get," Tomlinson said. "Sometimes we might be on the road and just pull over at 3 a.m. at a local service station and just have a bit of a kick-around."

But One Directioners shouldn't worry about not seeing the group performing as a quintet again. Tomlinson reassured fans he's not leaving the band and is only likely to play in a reserve team game in September or October to raise money for a children's hospice.

"He's missed pre-season training already," Doncaster manager Paul Dickov quipped on Sky Sports TV.

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been asked to sign for Rovers."

Before finding global fame after One Direction placed third on the British version of *The X Factor* in 2010, Tomlinson did part time work at

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# Life-sized dragon's skull promotes series

**Blinkbox.** Head of PR talks about (maybe) real fossil on English beach to celebrate series' third season on Blinkbox

**MICHELLE CASTILLO**  
Metro World News

If the Game of Thrones series had a sigil, it would probably be a dragon. The creatures have helped those in power rule the kingdoms of Westeros, and the citizens live in fear of the fire-breathing beasts.

To celebrate the third sea-

son of Game of Thrones airing on video-on-demand service Blinkbox, the company set out to make a dragon skull and put it on a beach in Dorset, England, which is known for its dinosaur fossils. We spoke to Ben Ayers, the head of PR for Blinkbox, about the project.

**Why did you guys decide to promote Game of Thrones with a dragon skull?**

The dramatic work was inspired by a memorable scene in Game of Thrones which sees character Arya Stark (Maisie Williams) discover a dragon skull in the dungeons of King's

Landing, the capital of the Seven Kingdoms. At this point in George RR Martin's fantasy, the dragons are supposedly long dead, but it hints strongly at their return, which is a developing theme in the story.

As Game of Thrones is easily the most talked about TV show of the moment and we have it before rival services and months before

it's available on DVD or Blu-ray, we wanted to mark its arrival on Blinkbox with a dramatic spectacle. We couldn't think of anything more dramatic than installing a skull the size of a bus on a beach and waiting to see the reaction.

**Since Dorset is famous for dinosaur fossils, did anyone actually think it**

**was real?**

Most people know that dragons are mythical. It was appreciated more as a work of art than anything real. We never set out to fool people into thinking this was proof that dragons once existed!

**What are some of the reactions you've received? Did everyone know it was**

**connected to Game of Thrones?**

We made sure that it was clear that this was linked to Blinkbox and Game of Thrones in all our communications. We even went so far as to create a sand castle with a Blinkbox flag which has appeared in a lot of pictures and which anchored the activity to the service.



Definitive proof that dragons are real? CONTRIBUTED

## Perfect storm

**Shark Week, Hurricane Week has networks thinking of Sharknado**

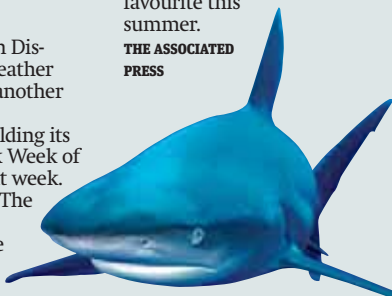
Colliding stunts on Discovery and The Weather Channel feel like another Sharknado.

Discovery is holding its 26th annual Shark Week of programming next week. At the same time, The Weather Channel is airing Hurricane Week.

The weather

folks can't resist a joke. The channel is airing a promotional ad that depicts a giant shark flying away in a stiff wind. That references both Shark Week and Sharknado, the Syfy network movie that has become a campy favourite this summer.

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# As Breaking Bad wraps, star reflects on 'greatest character of my career'

**Breaking Bad.** Cast, creator gather to talk final eight episodes and great series moments

**MEREDITH ENGEL**

Metro World News in New York City

As we prepare to say goodbye to Breaking Bad, the cast and creator Vince Gilligan gathered in New York on Tuesday for a TimesTalk panel discussion with New York Times reporter Dave Itzkoff.

The event, which was livestreamed on the Times' website, featured Bryan Cranston, Anna Gunn, Aaron Paul, Dean Norris, Betsy Brandt, RJ Mitte and Bob Odenkirk, in addition to Gilligan. It covered everything from the emergence of the characters to the last days of Walter White et al.

As the series winds down, with the first of eight final epi-

sodes airing Aug. 11 on AMC, Gilligan told audiences that ending now was the right decision.

"Every story has its beginning, middle and end," he said. "This (show) was not designed to go on forever. It needed to end." The panellists were tight-lipped on the final eight episodes, only saying that the third-from-last episode "is gonna knock your f---ing socks off," as Gilligan told it. They did, however, share insight into their characters with audience members and reveal behind-the-scenes tidbits about some of the series' most popular moments.

Cranston, who has won three consecutive Emmys for his role as Walter White (and is nominated for a fourth this year), told audience members that he wanted to "lift my leg up and spray (Gilligan) with my scent" when he read the pilot because he was so interested in getting the role. He had ap-

peared on episodes of The X-Files that Gilligan had written as a similar character — a villain that somehow audience members sympathized with. Playing that role, Gilligan said, convinced executives that Cranston was fit to be Walter White.

Cranston called the role "the greatest character of my career," saying that he doesn't think he'll have the chance to become a character "so rich, deep, varied" again. "The spectrum of emotions that Walter White can justifiably play are uncanny," he said. "It's a playground for an actor and I'm so grateful for it."

Gunn, who plays Walt's long-suffering wife Skyler, offered a look into the mind of her character. She noted the challenge Gilligan faced in writing a "very, very smart woman" who at the same time was unaware of her husband's shady practices for quite awhile.

"The quality that she shares with Walt that makes it so inter-



Actors Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul speak onstage during the Breaking Bad panel discussion. GETTY IMAGES

esting is her intellect is, I think as sharp as his, and it's also her downfall as a human being," Gunn said. "She thinks that that intellect can fix everything. She thinks she can control this uncontrollable situation. ... And yet everything she does actually makes things worse and gets her in deeper, and finally she realizes that she's actually backed so far into a corner that she has nowhere to move."

"She really does become

a prisoner in her own home, and the feeling I have is that the only thing playing over and over and over in her mind was, 'How do I get my kids to safety? How do I keep my kids safe?'"

Paul similarly spoke about the journey his character, Jesse Pinkman, has been on, a character who was originally slated to die by the end of Season 1.

"He was just this lost kid struggling, trying to find his way," Paul said, "trying to be

someone who he really truly wasn't, and then as the more layers were revealed you see that he's just in this constant search for some sort of guidance. And he latched himself onto I think Walter White ... he just wanted to learn from him. He's just never really had the support of his parents and so he looked, at least I saw it as Jesse looking up to Walter White as a fatherly figure — a dysfunctional fatherly figure."

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Harry Styles. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Do you want to know how much sex this teen pop-star is having?

Harry Styles reveals some startling details about his sexual history in a candid interview with the British edition of GQ magazine, buckling under the interviewer's questions about how many people the One Direction star has slept with.

"It's definitely less than 100," Styles offers. "I'm not doing this! You're cornering me!"

But he finally gives in, offering these details.

"Two people. I've only ever had sex with two people. That's my answer. Read from it what you will." And if that's not enough candor for one day, Styles addresses rumours that he's bisexual.

"Bisexual? Me? I don't think so," he says. "I'm pretty sure I'm not."

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### The Word



## Remember that episode when Stephanie Tanner did meth? Well, it's a two-parter

### THE WORD

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How rude! That's probably what Jodi Sweetin (a.k.a. Stephanie Tanner) is saying to all the nosy journos going around writing that she's in rehab again. If you didn't know, former child stars try to use their characters' key catchphrases as often as possible — it helps people to remember that they were once pretty famous and that the mess they've since made of their adult lives is whatever.

Jokes aside, the story

of Sweetin's life post-Full House actually is a sad one. While the Olsen twins went on to rule the world from behind hundreds of layers of draped clothing and giant Starbucks cups, and Candace Cameron went on to find God, Sweetin (formerly the most adorable cast member of Full House and that includes Uncle Jesse) went on to become a meth addict and a three-time divorcee. But she cleaned up her act, admirably, and seemed to be on the right track, working as a counsellor at a rehab facility.

Which is why it really is pretty rude that she's now battling rumours (she's claiming they are 100 per cent unfounded) that she, herself, is back on meth and back in rehab. Give the girl a break, you guys — the only cast member who fared worse after Full House called it quits is Uncle Joey. That guy was the worst.



Justin Bieber

## Bieber won't see hit-and-run charges

Finally, some good legal news for Justin Bieber.

The Los Angeles district attorney's office has decided not to file hit-and-run charges against the singer in connection to an alleged run-in with a photographer last month, stating that there is no way to prove Bieber fled the scene intentionally, according to E! News.

"There were over a dozen

paparazzi surrounding his car and on the sidewalk, and it was noisy with camera flashes and bright lights surrounding him," a spokesperson for the department says. "The Ferrari's engine is loud. The impact was minor and, given the chaotic scene and stress of the situation, it is likely that Bieber did not know he had hit (the photographer)."

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## Liquid Assets

## Modern port revolution



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When I mentioned port last week, I got to thinking how the boozy wonder has been pigeon-holed as a cold weather, after dinner bevy. While the majority of port styles are just too heavy for summer, there are two versions that meet the heat head-on.

White port is produced by most houses. Made to be chilled, it runs the flavour profiles of dry to sweet. The sweeter versions are the base of a popular summer mixer in Portugal's region of Porto.

Trouble is, port being white is so foreign to Canadians that you'll have trouble finding one at your local liquor store.

Croft has been fortifying juice since 1588. You'd think that would make it one of the stodgiest, old school wine makers in Portugal. Nope. It's led the modern port revolution: inject some fun and versatility into the category.

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This Pavlova serves six to eight people. ©ROBERT WIGINGTON

# It's more than maple syrup and back bacon

## Food Day Canada. Support local farmers this long weekend

It's been a decade since food crusader Anita Stewart encouraged Canadians to support farmers in the wake of the mad cow crisis threatening their livelihood by launching the World's Longest Barbecue.

Stewart's event has morphed into Food Day Canada, a day in which chefs and home cooks across the country can applaud Canada's bounty.

Not only are people encouraged to create their own spread from produce purchased at farmers markets, but they are also able to dine at any of the about 275 restaurants from across the country that are par-

ticipating this Saturday with menus featuring uniquely Canadian ingredients.

Stewart hopes people will post their menus and describe their plans at fooddaycanada.ca. There are plenty of recipes there too for inspiration.

An interactive map includes the locations of farmers markets and Food Day restaurants across the country "so it should be a guide of how to eat Canadian," she explains. The idea is "you can go and buy your good stuff here and here are the restaurants where you too can go and eat."

Here, Stewart shares her recipe for Pavlova, which features fresh local fruit.

**1.** Lightly butter baking sheet and line with parchment. Beat egg whites till stiff enough to

hold soft peaks. Slowly beat in the sugar, few spoonfuls at a time. This will take 2 to 3 minutes. The resulting meringue will be shiny and soft. Sift the cornstarch over it and lightly fold it in with the vinegar.

**2.** Drop meringue onto centre of the prepared pan. With a spatula spread it to an 8-inch (20 cm) circle, smoothing the top and the sides. Bake in a preheated 250 F (120 C) oven for 1 hour and 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow to cool on the pan. Store in an airtight container or use immediately.

**3.** To fill, whip the cream with the sugar until stiff. Invert the Pavlova onto a serving dish. The smooth bottom becomes the top of the dessert. Spoon

### Ingredients

- 4 egg whites, at room temperature
  - 1 cup (250 ml) superfine sugar
  - 1 tbsp (15 ml) cornstarch
  - 2 tps (10 ml) white vinegar
- Filling**
- 1 cup (250 ml) heavy cream 35%
  - 2 tps (10 ml) superfine sugar
  - Fresh fruit, as needed
  - Bergamot blossoms as garnish (optional)

the whipped cream over the entire surface. Arrange the fresh fruit on top. Serve immediately. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/RECIPE ADAPTED FROM ANITA STEWART'S CANADA: THE FOOD, THE RECIPES, THE STORIES (HARPER COLLINS CANADA)**

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## Music for Calgary folk

Folk music has rocked the Rocky Mountains since 1978 and the 2013 flood isn't stopping it this year. Very little damage was incurred at Centennial Park, so join Jim Cuddy, Spirit of the West, Matt Andersen, David Francey, Great Lake Swimmers and Del Barber on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Check out their website for more details at [canmorefolkfestival.com](http://canmorefolkfestival.com) and download their app. Adult weekend passes are \$100. Be sure to participate in the free pancake breakfast on Monday morning.



## Free admission at the Glenbow

Glenbow Museum (130 - 9 Avenue SE.) is offering free admission for all this coming Heritage Day, Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's their way of saying thank you to the volunteers and community in general who have helped get our city back on its feet following the 2013 flood. Take in their spring/summer 2013 exhibitions including: M.C. Escher: The Mathemagician, The Big Four and Made in Calgary: The 1970s, before they close later in the month. [glenbow.org](http://glenbow.org).



## Sunny fun

Inglewood's Sunfest on Saturday promises a down-to-earth vibe filled with art, culture and community. The fest runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and organizers hope to attract even more people than last year's 30,000. Buskers, food, participation, sustainability and people watching — this will be the place to be Saturday afternoon. The vendors selected to participate will be heavy on the hand-made and home-based — cool with us! Take your friends, go for some music and check out [inglewood-sunfest.com](http://inglewood-sunfest.com) for details.



## Homegirl returns

There are so many reasons to like Feist; Her music is stellar, she's from Calgary, and she just announced that she will be donating all proceeds from an upcoming show for flood relief to the Calgary Drop in and Rehab Centre. There is also rumour of an auction on eBay that has been set up for people to bid on a chance to meet the chanteuse while she's in her hometown. Feist will be playing the Banff Shaw Amphitheatre on Wednesday. For information on tickets: [ticketmaster.ca](http://ticketmaster.ca). Show at 6:30 p.m.



## Wednesday night with the undead

On Wednesday, these preppy lads from Columbia University who are touring their album Modern Vampires of the City will be in Calgary. This album brings the same blend of afro-pop and new wave that has made them famous four times over. Cold Specks will be opening. Her performance is an emotive mix of soul combined with a strong influence of Deep South gospel. This will be two dynamite performances in one evening. For tickets: [ticketmaster.ca](http://ticketmaster.ca). Show will be at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium.



## Make it an island day

Prince's Island Park is one of the best places to be in Calgary when the sun is out. On Monday, come out and celebrate one of the many things that make Canada and Calgary such a great place to live: our multiculturalism. This year will mark the 36th annual Heritage Day festival in Calgary. Prince's Island Park will be jumping with a fun variety of multicultural performances, tasty dishes and handcrafts. Festivities will commence at noon and will run until 6 p.m. [visitcalgary.com](http://visitcalgary.com).



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CFL

## CFLPA applying for judicial review in Williams case

The Chris Williams saga is heading to court.

On Thursday, the CFL Players' Association announced it is applying for a judicial review of an arbitrator's decision that the Hamilton Tiger-Cats receiver's contract was binding.

Williams, the CFL's top special-teams player in 2012, went to arbitration requesting to be released from the final year of his deal reportedly so he could pursue NFL offers.

On June 5, an arbitrator ruled the Ticats violated the collective bargaining agreement by negotiating with an unregistered agent. However, the decision resulted in a fine and not the termination of the contract.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



Chris Williams has yet to report to the Ticats this season  
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

CFL

"We feel like Justin will give us a better chance for week-in-and-week-out continuity."

Winnipeg coach Tim Burke, who announced Thursday that the Blue Bombers will go with Justin Goltz as their starting QB instead of Buck Pierce.



# Sheets too good in July for CFL to deny

**CFL.** Riders rusher's record-setting pace results in top offensive honours for first month; Stamps also leave mark on awards

Kory Sheets of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, Kyries Hebert of the Montreal Alouettes, and Rene Paredes and Jon Cornish of the Calgary Stampeders have been named the CFL players of the month for July.

Sheets took home offensive player of the month honours after rushing for 712 yards and scoring four touchdowns. The running back has rushed for at least 130 yards in each of the undefeated Roughriders' first five games and is on pace to sur-

pass Mike Pringle's all-time CFL rushing record of 2,065 yards.

Montreal linebacker Hebert, the league leader in sacks, was named defensive player of the month. Hebert has seven sacks so far this season and is second on the Alouettes in tackles with 31.

July's special-teams player went to Stampeders kicker Paredes, who has been a perfect 16-for-16 in field goals this season. Through the first month of the season, Paredes leads kickers with 62 points.

Cornish was named the league's Canadian player of the month. The Stampeders running back has rushed for 501 yards and three touchdowns this season, while also racking up 137 receiving yards and a touchdown.

The New Westminster, B.C., native is second to Sheets in rushing. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Kory Sheets has rushed for at least 130 yards in each of the Riders' five wins to start 2013. GEOFF ROBINS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Als decide Hawkins can't hack it



Als GM Jim Popp will take over head coaching duties in Montreal.  
THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Dan Hawkins era lasted only five games in Montreal.

The Alouettes, who have struggled to a 2-3 start this season, announced Thursday that Hawkins had been fired.

Jim Popp steps in as head coach for the third time in his 18 years as general manager of the club.

The offence, which was Montreal's strength under former coach Marc Trestman, looked disorganized and lifeless under Hawkins, who was coaching a professional team

On to the NFL

Marc Trestman, who won two Grey Cups in five years with the Als, left in the off-season to coach the Chicago Bears.

for the first time in his career.

Owner Bob Wetenhall asked Popp to step in.

"Jim is the person most responsible for the success we have had over all these years," Wetenhall said in a statement.

"I feel confident that he is the best person to coach our team at this time and I am very appreciative of him being willing to make this additional contribution to our franchise."

"He has the respect of our players as well as mine."

Popp said that offensive coordinator Mike Miller will be asked to stay on the coaching staff in a reduced capacity and that Doug Berry would now run the offence, though without the title of offensive co-ordinator. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Playoff implications at play in MLB's PED decision, source says

## Biogenesis scandal.

Monday said to be league's deadline for players to make deals

Looming playoffs could force an end to negotiations in baseball's latest drug scandal as pressure builds to impose penalties so stars can still make the post-season.

Monday appears to be the deadline for Alex Rodriguez and 13 others to accept suspensions for their ties to the Biogenesis of America anti-aging clinic. While A-Rod is expected to get a lengthy ban, a penalty starting that day would allow Texas all-star Nelson Cruz to return for October.

Major League Baseball is prepared to issue two an-



Alex Rodriguez is reportedly facing a lifetime ban for his role in MLB's drug scandal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

nouncements no later than Monday, a person familiar with the process told The Associated Press on Thursday. One would list players who accept suspensions; the other would name those disciplined without deals,

but who could challenge penalties before an arbitrator.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no statements were authorized.

Most players face 50-game suspensions for their links to the now-closed Florida clinic, which has been accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs. But baseball is threatening to ban Rodriguez for life unless he agrees to a long ban, perhaps around 200 games.

Rodriguez appeared ready to talk Thursday as he was leaving the team's minor league complex in Tampa, Fla. However, when he saw a second group with TV cameras approaching, he said: "I'll talk to you guys, but no cameras."

He waited a moment, then left without saying another word. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## MLB

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	66	44	.600	—
Tampa Bay	64	44	.593	1
Baltimore	60	49	.550	5½
New York	56	51	.523	8½
Toronto	50	57	.467	14½

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	61	45	.575	—
Cleveland	60	48	.556	2
Kansas City	54	51	.514	6½
Minnesota	45	60	.429	15½
Chicago	40	66	.377	21

#### WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	63	45	.583	—
Texas	60	49	.550	3½
Seattle	50	58	.463	13
Los Angeles	48	58	.453	14
Houston	36	71	.336	26½

#### Thursday's results

Cleveland 6 Chicago White Sox 1  
Kansas City 7 Minnesota 2  
Baltimore 6 Houston 3  
Texas 7 Arizona 1  
Boston 8 Seattle 7  
Toronto at L.A. Angels  
**Wednesday's results**  
Detroit 11 Washington 1  
Toronto 5 Oakland 2 (10)  
Houston 11 Baltimore 0  
Cleveland 6 Chicago White Sox 5 (10)  
Arizona 7 Tampa Bay 0  
Boston 5 Seattle 4 (15)  
Texas 2 L.A. Angels 1  
Kansas City 4 Minnesota 3  
**Friday's games**  
**All times Eastern**  
Seattle (Harang 5-9) at Baltimore (Tillman 13-3), 7:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Santiago 3-6) at Detroit (Fister 9-5), 7:08 p.m.  
Arizona (Delgado 3-3) at Boston (Lester 10-6), 7:10 p.m.  
San Francisco (Bumgarner 10-6) at Tampa Bay (Archer 6-3), 7:10 p.m.  
Houston (Keuchel 5-5) at Minnesota (Deduno 7-4), 8:10 p.m.  
Toronto (Redmond 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Hanson 4-2), 10:05 p.m.  
Texas (Ogando 4-3) at Oakland (Milone 9-8), 10:05 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	64	45	.587	—
Washington	52	56	.481	11½
Philadelphia	50	58	.463	13½
New York	48	58	.453	14½
Miami	42	65	.393	21

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	65	43	.602	—
St. Louis	63	44	.589	1½
Cincinnati	60	49	.550	5½
Chicago	49	59	.454	16
Milwaukee	46	62	.426	19

#### WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	58	49	.542	—
Arizona	55	53	.509	3½
Colorado	51	59	.464	8½
San Diego	50	59	.459	9
San Francisco	48	59	.449	10

#### Thursday's results

Miami 3 N.Y. Mets 0  
San Francisco 2 Philadelphia 1  
St. Louis 13 Pittsburgh 0  
Atlanta 11 Colorado 2  
L.A. Dodgers 6 Chicago Cubs 4  
**Wednesday's results**  
Cincinnati 4 San Diego 1  
San Francisco 9 Philadelphia 2  
Pittsburgh 5 St. Louis 4  
Atlanta 9 Colorado 0  
Miami 3 N.Y. Mets 2  
Chicago Cubs 6 Milwaukee 1  
N.Y. Yankees 3 L.A. Dodgers 0  
**Friday's games**  
**All times Eastern**  
L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 9-3) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 7-7), 4:05 p.m.  
Colorado (Chacin 9-5) at Pittsburgh (Cole 5-4), 7:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (Medlen 7-10) at Philadelphia (Martin 0-0), 7:05 p.m.  
Cleveland (Jimenez 8-5) at Miami (Fernandez 7-5), 7:10 p.m.  
Kansas City (Davis 5-9) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 7-8), 7:10 p.m.  
St. Louis (Miller 10-7) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 9-8), 7:10 p.m.  
Washington (Zimmermann 12-6) at Milwaukee (Gorzelanny 2-4), 8:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 9-9) at San Diego (Cashner 7-5), 10:10 p.m.

## CFL

### WEEK 5

#### EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts
Toronto	5	3	2	0	156	128	6
Montreal	5	2	3	0	122	139	4
Hamilton	5	1	4	0	99	158	2
Winnipeg	5	1	4	0	115	146	2

#### WEST

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pts
Saskatchewan	5	5	0	0	183	87	10
Calgary	5	4	1	0	162	133	8
B.C.	5	3	2	0	116	122	6
Edmonton	5	1	4	0	99	139	2

#### Tuesday's result

Toronto 38 B.C. 12

**Friday's game — All Times Eastern**

Hamilton at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

**Monday's game**

Winnipeg at B.C., 7 p.m.

## MLS

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Kansas City	10	6	6	31	21	36
New York	10	7	5	33	27	35
Montreal	10	5	5	32	29	35
Philadelphia	9	6	7	33	30	34
New England	8	7	6	27	19	30
Houston	8	6	6	23	20	30
Chicago	7	9	4	25	30	25
Columbus	6	10	5	24	27	23
Toronto FC	3	10	8	19	29	17
D.C. United	2	15	4	10	35	10

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Real Salt Lake	11	7	4	36	24	37
Colorado	9	7	7	28	24	34
Portland	8	3	10	31	20	34
Los Angeles	10	9	3	32	27	33
Vancouver	9	7	5	33	29	32
FC Dallas	8	5	8	27	27	32
Seattle	8	7	4	24	22	28
San Jose	7	9	6	23	33	27
Chivas USA	4	12	5	19	37	17

#### Wednesday's result

Roma 3 MLS All-Stars 1

**Saturday's games — All Times Eastern**

New York at Kansas City, 6:30 p.m.  
Montreal at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.  
Chicago at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.  
Columbus at Houston, 9 p.m.  
Real Salt Lake at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
Chivas USA at San Jose, 10 p.m.  
FC Dallas at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.  
Vancouver at Portland, 11 p.m.  
**Sunday's game**  
Toronto FC at New England, 7:30 p.m.



## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

Try to take things at a more reasonable pace. The more you relax and let life come to you, the more you will enjoy the day and the more likely it is love, in some form, will come your way.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You have more in common with someone than you realize and what happens over the next 24 hours will prove it. Make an effort to get to know them and you will soon be firm friends — and maybe more.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

What is right for you may not be right for someone else, so don't try to stop a loved one doing something you don't agree with. It takes all kinds to make a world — that's what makes it so interesting.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

What friends and lovers are looking for from you is understanding. Can you give it to them? Open your ears and listen to their problems — then open your heart and do something about them.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Stand back from what you are doing and make sure you have not strayed away from your original intentions. A few minor adjustments now makes it less likely you will have to make major adjustments later on.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Don't try too hard today. The planets suggest that the less you put in, the more you will get out. Why struggle when you don't have to?

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

With Venus, your ruler, moving through the most sensitive area of your chart, you may not be able to express yourself as easily as usual but that does not mean you love less. Make sure loved ones know that.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Today's Venus-Mars link will endow you with so much passion you may have a hard time deciding how to put it all to good use. Do whatever takes your fancy. Just act.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Focus on what gives you pleasure today rather than on what you think others expect. If you get the chance to mix business and pleasure, that's great but don't think you have to put money and career first.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You can't put a foot wrong at the moment and today's Venus-Mars link will smooth your path more. Relationships are under great influences. Let the object of your affection know how in love you are.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

There is nothing you can't do, nothing that cannot be made to work. The only danger is that with so many options available you may spend more time thinking than acting. Choose a goal, then go for it.

### Pisces

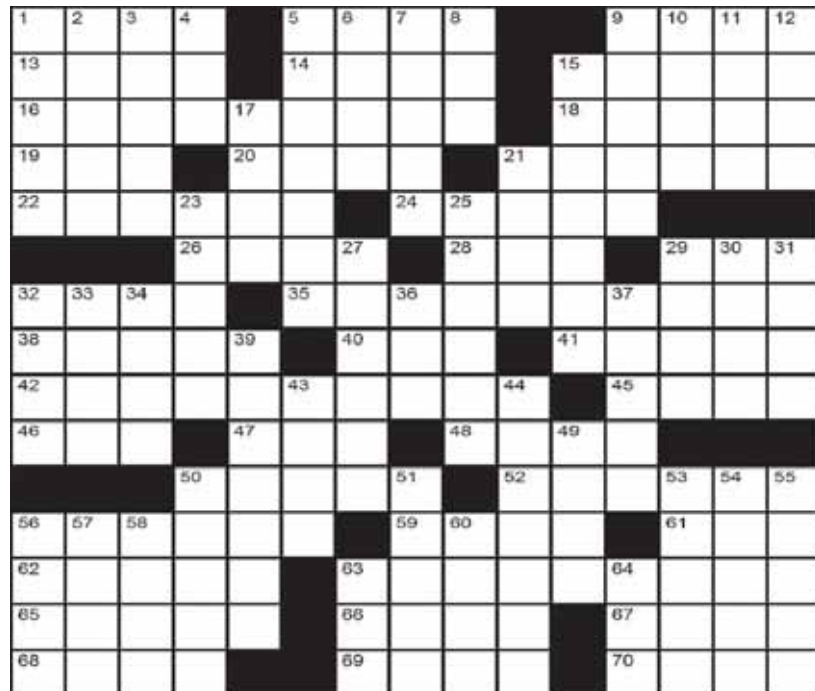
Feb. 20 - March 20

You're on the right wavelength with partners and loved ones at the moment and that means all things are possible — if you work together. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. Luba hit: "Let \_\_\_\_\_"
5. Trim
9. Tepid
13. Fertilizer ingredient
14. Formally give up
15. Comedian Mr. Rock
16. Altona, MB: "The \_\_\_\_\_ Capital of Canada"
18. Originating in Toronto, it's Canada's longest street
19. "Ballad" suffix
20. Speck
21. "Romantic Traffic" band from Burlington, ON
22. Didn't have a nightmare
24. Type of cliff
26. Abound
28. "Get movin'!"
29. Except...
32. Soup's holder
35. Mountain community in British Columbia
38. Leading
40. Clamour
41. Sandals and sneakers
42. New Westminster, BC is home to the world's largest what?: 2 wds.
45. Research facil.
46. Landscaper's roll
47. Actress Gretchen



48. Partners of 'hoos!'
50. "Glee" actress Ms. Riley
52. TV series, "The \_\_\_\_\_"
56. Does Brazilian-style dancing
59. Actor, Idris \_\_\_\_\_
61. Santa \_\_\_\_\_, California
62. Cupcake compon-

- ent
63. Villain
65. Deuce-ace
66. Rapunzel's pride
67. Highest point
68. Clairvoyant
69. \_\_\_\_\_daisy!
70. What-fors?

### Down

1. Gotye song: "Somebody That \_\_\_\_\_"

- to Know"
2. More believable
3. Category
4. Lummo
5. Justin Bieber's manager, \_\_\_\_\_ Braun
6. Grown-up eft
7. Notions
8. For every
9. Salt-n-Pepa hit
10. Game show Howie Mandel hosted,

- "Deal \_\_\_\_\_ Deal"
11. Leo, for one
12. Sugar suffixes
15. AB-SK's \_\_\_\_\_ Hills Interprovincial Park
17. Citrus fruit
21. "\_\_\_\_\_ on Sailor" by The Beach Boys
23. Bodybuilding legend Charles
25. Pre-Biden VP
27. Interfere

29. Benefit
30. Li'l pluckees
31. Try for a screen role
32. Frightening flappers
33. Cincinnati's state
34. Make one's way
36. Fancy 7
37. \*NSync ballad, "\_\_\_\_\_ Promise You"
39. Beau \_\_\_\_\_ (Quebec band part of Canada Post's rock stamps collection)
43. High-arc tennis shots
44. Will Ferrell comedy, "A Night at the \_\_\_\_\_" (1998)
49. "It's the end \_\_\_\_\_ era.": 2 wds.
50. Classic comic strip, Li'l \_\_\_\_\_
51. Summary
53. Northwest Territories' official tree, Tamarack \_\_\_\_\_
54. Foe
55. Bargains
56. Takes a chair
57. Hurt
58. Soft muddy spot
60. Wife on FOX cartoon "Family Guy"
63. Moo \_\_\_\_\_ pork (Takeout dish)
64. Stealing bird

## Yesterday's Crossword

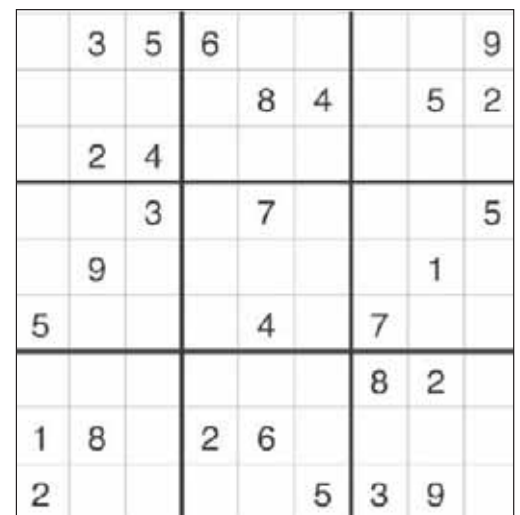


## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



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### TODAY



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